



bread, love  
and  
struggle

a few Brixton anarchists

Warning: this leaflet could get you  
deported. (see inside)

## Anarchist-link rioter may be deported

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## A 'Anarchy' clue to riots in Brixton

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## Terror plan behind the Brixton riot



Sunday Express Reporter

THE PAST FEW DAYS have witnessed the miserable failure of the police, along with their friends in the Press, to establish some kind of terrorist link or outside conspiracy concerning the Brixton riots.

The reasons for their efforts in this direction are clear. First, the police are looking for any excuse they can get to distract attention from the part they played in bringing about the riots. There is no doubt that Brixton people bear the brunt of social and economic deprivation, but who knows if they would have exploded their rage without the catalyst of racist police provocation, especially in the days immediately preceding April 11?

There is no need for statistics to show that if you're black and under 25 there's an extremely high chance you'll be stopped under the SUS law or any new euphemism they care to introduce. Or that operation Swamp 81 was directed against the young black people of Brixton. Or that the yobs in blue sent into Brixton have for all their lives, from their school-boy comics and Uncle Tom's Cabin to the influence of their superiors wielding Ace of Spades ties, been conditioned to believing that black people are automatically suspect and likely to commit "crimes". So when all public attention was turned to policing methods used in Brixton, they had to find something sensational to divert it away from themselves.

The police, however, are only the blind but dangerous instruments of a far larger concern: the whole big business of social control. Clearly, for this business to succeed as long as it has done far more than a repressive body, be it police or army, is required. Far more important than this is the consensus of the great mass of people and their belief in the myth that they cannot act for themselves. Of course, people think and act for themselves a great deal: when they withhold rent or rates; when they take something home from work for their own use; when they take goods from the supermarket without paying for them. The State can cope with this so long as it remains isolated individual action. When people get together and express their will clearly and decisively as they did in Brixton in April and

July, then the State pulls out all the stops to isolate and discredit their actions. In addition to fierce police repression, they bring out theories of "outside agitators" and "foreign infiltrators" to try to stop the action from spreading.

ANOTHER well known trick of the police and Press came to light again in this recent operation: that of equating anarchy with violence and terror. This is an old trick and a card that is played at every opportunity. To the average person the word anarchy means chaos. It is used as a political swear word by any power, be it red black or blue, to denounce its opponents.

Some clarity is required. The literal meaning of the word "anarchy" is "without government". Of course for a society run along the lines it is today to suddenly find itself without a directing government would no doubt result in chaos, more than there already is with it. So when anarchists say that we must create a new society without government they mean a lot more than just that.

They are talking of a society run by all its members, each individual taking full responsibility for the running of his or her life in common with others. The basic needs of food and shelter would not be so hard to provide as they seem today in a world defined by stock market figures instead of social wellbeing. Without all the pointless work geared towards the protection of private and State interests: judiciary, bureaucracy, banks, police, weapons production, prisons, etc., all quite superfluous and thoroughly damaging institutions, the actual work required to provide good food and shelter and creatively invented goods would be pleasurable and, spread over the whole of a healthy population, would consume far less of our time. The rest could then be spent, not in the dejection and misery of unemployment, but in the creative search for an ever more meaningful life and relationships.

So, really, there are few people who deep down are not anarchists themselves. Who wants to spend their life wasting hours doing body and soul destroying work? Who wants to be told what is right and what is wrong instead of thinking it out for themselves? Who enjoys spending years in institutions such as schools, listening to a few individuals the "official" version of reality instead of discovery through the creative encounter with that reality? Few of us indeed. And that is why the State has every interest in keeping those who call themselves anarchists away from the other anarchists. Because those who call themselves anarchists today are absolutely convinced that it is possible to build a better life. And if the absolutely convinced encounter the hopes and energy of those who feel but aren't sure, who knows what might happen?

## Who killed Julie Potter?

WE ARE AGAINST every form of institution the State gives itself to control individuals. School, work-place, army, asylum and prison are all instruments used to enclose people in various types of cages and serve to "educate" them to passively accepting reality as something that cannot be changed.

The role of prison is the most openly punitive one, and here we want to denounce the living conditions of the convicted prisoners in Holloway.

Food of dubious quality, total lack of fruit and vitamins; compulsory work for 92 pence per week assembling "Britains" toys, on sale in shops (confirming existence of an agreement between prison and factory - who puts this money in their pockets?); no respect of the miserable internal rules that lay down daily "half an hour" of fresh air and "association" which means open cells and freedom of movement within the wing (in reality cells are closed for most of the day and often even meals are eaten in the cells); censorship and limitation of mail; no possibility of receiving food, drinks or cigarettes from outside, but only cut flowers, one change of clothing and a few books (at the discretion of the warden on duty). Prisoners must eat repulsive prison food or starve, and work all week for one packet of cigarettes. Threats of reports and loss of remission are the final arm in securing an almost total submission on the part of the prisoners, to the extent of not even demanding their already minimal rights.

This infernal mechanism creates an atmosphere of brutalisation, submission, blackmail, order obtained through the violence of a series of prohibitions and the violation of individuality. Days are spent monotonously doing boring work or locked up in overcrowded cells.

The new prison is presented as a sign of improvement, but the rigid discipline reduces life to survival. The prison authorities have free run to do what they like hidden from the public eye.

On October 4 a woman set fire to herself, and on October 7 another two women followed this road. These attempted suicides are a result of exasperation in this situation of extreme isolation from outside. In the Times of October 20 we read: "Julie Potter, 21, a Holloway prisoner who sustained severe burns when her nightdress caught fire, died in a hospital yesterday". We believe that someone is trying to present this fact as an accident. Why does nobody know about this episode? And what about the other women?

WHO KILLED JULIE POTTER?



# the state is the terrorist



THE STATE is the greatest terrorist organization of all times. Yet it employs the term "terrorism" very lightly. Through its organs the Press and television they deliberately use it to isolate and confuse all actions which do not fit into its plan of social acquiescence. Any individual or group which pulls itself out of the great mass to act on reality directly is classed as terrorist without distinction.

The reason is clear: to isolate their actions and create fear and suspicion among the people, inciting them to support greater police presence and even the death sentence.

This is not to say that any action, because it is individual, can be excluded from the terrorist bracket. Nothing is more abhorrent than the actions of the fascist madmen such as the bombing of Bologna station last year where 85 people were killed; or the bombing of the beer festival in Munich; or the New Cross Massacre here in Deptford. This is the work of crazed maniacs who often have the backing of big business or the secret services. That these insane terroristic actions are but a caricature of the State itself is shown in the way the police and judiciary do all they can to cover them up.

They are but the spectacular pinnacle of an organization which tries to disguise itself as the "commonwealth", the "welfare State", but is in effect the most rational, cold-blooded terrorist organization in existence.

Different States vary their tactics. There are the US controlled dictatorships of South America, the eastern European "communist" States, or those with the (more or less) kid-glove approach of the "advanced" capitalist ones such as Great Britain and the other Western European countries. But in essence they are all the same. Their function is to ensure the persistence of private or State-owned property, to keep the noses of the people to the grindstone - or in the case of the unemployed, to the Telly - and to extract by force of gun or vote the surplus value of their sweated labour. If they rebel they are imprisoned or shot.

The fact that this country has so far managed to pass itself off as "democratic" has largely been due to its cunning and foresight in providing a miserable service of survival conditions through social security. Through importation of substantially slave labour from its colonies it has forced the menial tasks on to black immigrants. This has created a "work aristocracy", where indigenous British natives tend to be given the skilled jobs.

In fact, the great exploited mass of this country is neatly chopped up into first regional: English/Scottish/Welsh/Irish/Cornish; then religious: Protest/Catholic; then colour: white/black/brown and goodness knows whatever other ridiculous sub-strata in order to "divide to rule". Control from within. That's the most efficient way, as has been expressed from school prefects, to shop stewards, to the great illumination of worker participation. "Exploit yourself". What could be better than that.

Of course, we're not all dupes to the ploys of the State, and, not unnaturally, it's the ones at the extreme end of the rainbow (the other end from the pot of gold) who act first: the black young people and white "deviants", those who don't or won't fit into any part of the State's project.

So, in Brixton and elsewhere we had fighting on the barricades, a fantastic kaleidoscope of life against a death-orientated society.

## THEN THE KID GLOVES WERE REMOVED

Over 600 arrests, many charged with serious offences. Monstrously heavy sentences: 6 years for a molotov, 3 years for putting leaflets through a few letterboxes, three months for stealing a packet of cigarettes. The Bradford 12 face heavy exemplary sentences. These are the most spectacular cases. For the most part the State has been going for sure committals rather than risk being shown up in front of juries. They have used the technique of dropping original charges, so forcing people into magistrates' courts with an almost 100 per cent chance of committal. Only when they mess up their lies and contradict each other does police "evidence" (always verbal, that's all) fall down.

At the same time, almost overnight, police have been equipped with a whole new range of riot gear: new-style shields, fire retardant suits, CS gas, baton rounds of plastic bullets, water cannons. As always, the army waits in the wings.

What the State would prefer of course is the maintenance of social peace through strong "community policing" and get people to police themselves by diverting their energy into artificially construed "community projects". They are mobilising a whole army of social workers and youth leaders to this end.

So let's not be fooled. The State, by its very logic, never acts in the interests of the people, even when on the face of it it might appear so. We should take what we can from it, but always turn it to our own ends, that of working towards the final destruction of this infernal machine.



# BURN BABYLON BURN!



THESE WORDS headed a leaflet distributed in a Nottingham housing estate, for which 17 year old Simon Los has been sentenced to three years' imprisonment.

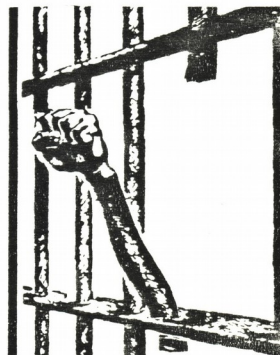
This monstrous sentence rising out of the riots is yet another testimony of the State's hysterical repression of individual or collective expression.

The whole concept of incitement is ridiculous. It implies that, on receiving a leaflet the reader of it would drop everything and rush to carry what was written. Once again the total and absolute negation of the thinking capacity of individuals.

When people get involved in actions of direct confrontation, it is because they have very real reasons for doing so, and not because someone posted a leaflet through their letterbox. In fact, as was said in court, no one "responded" to the message on the leaflet in question.

Let there be no mistake, all those fighting on the barricades were doing so in the struggle against survival conditions. The State may claim its victims and whitewash its inner cities, but conditions haven't changed and THE STRUGGLE GOES ON.

## FREEDOM FOR SIMON LOS





# who's backing £ Brixton £?

Work, work, work.  
Jobs, jobs, jobs.  
Unemployment, unemployment.  
The poetry of our times. And  
the religion. Work is sacred, it  
purifies, ennobles Man, distinguishes  
him (and her, of course) from the  
animals.  
From the four corners of the globe,  
from Poland to Japan, England to  
Iran the choir of power sing the  
same song: "Work, work and work  
again. Work for socialism, for  
the homeland, for the good of  
humanity, to buy the latest  
gadget, it doesn't matter,  
but work."

It doesn't matter what you  
do. You can punch holes in com-  
puter cards (going rate in Brix-  
ton 12p. an hour), be a bank  
clerk, make weapons, cars (Mr  
Duffy having done his bit for hu-  
manity), join the army, the civil  
service, the list's endless. There's  
no end to the choice of ways to  
waste 8 or 9 nine hours of your life  
each day doing boring, deadly boring,  
or just deadly jobs. No end to the  
choice, but there's not enough to  
go round. 3 million haven't yet  
made it on the road to salvation.

Still, if you're young and fit,  
you can have the honour for free  
(i.e. you do it for free: become a  
YOP and paint Brixton railway bridges)  
Or Mr Nzeribe'll give you a job  
in one of his sweatshops. Or Mr  
Reseltine'll get you to clean up  
the slums.

BUT WAIT...

Centuries of trying haven't tamed us  
yet. We want TO PLAY, not work.  
We want to play at destroying work.  
Real creative games of sabotage and  
WILDcat strikes. Street parties with  
all aglow. The movement against work  
for play is growing before our very  
eyes

..."in a wildcat strike or a riot, when  
the American skilled workers block the  
assembly line, or the Polish workers  
plunder the State depots, when the re-  
turn of life breaks the gloomy boredom  
of daily survival, when strength is  
accompanied with passion, when the  
robots defy the nannies who govern  
them, when chatter gives way to the  
word because we shall begin to have  
things to say and experiences to  
communicate..."

## where now?



The recent riots confirmed that the black  
minority, along with various categories of  
emarginated white people, are the most  
highly sensitized against oppression in this  
country. The riots also confirmed, however  
that the enemy is one, and that when action  
is clearly directed against that enemy arti-  
ficial barriers of colour and sex break down.

It is in the political aftermath to action  
that the spokesmen come forward with  
theories which often do not reflect the true  
feelings they claim to represent. It is hard  
to believe that black defendants in Brixton  
for example wanted to exclude white de-  
fendants from the Defence Campaign. In  
fact, it seems that very few defendants were  
ever present at the meetings held in their  
name. Perhaps they too felt that instead  
of leadership what we need is to create  
the terrain for a continued unity, the only  
way to oppose the class enemy. We must  
find the true unity of the expression of  
our differences, through the continuing  
struggle to affirm our individual charac-  
teristics and qualities.

At this time the struggle places itself  
in the field of defence against the counter-  
attack of the judicial extension of the police.  
For this to be effective we must all come  
out of the ideological zoo into the field of  
concrete self-organized action.

WHERE NOW?

The riots have shown us a lot:

That collective struggle releases  
good energy and strength.  
It breaks down artificial barriers  
such as colour and sex.  
It gives us a glimpse of our own  
might.

AND

The police weren't prepared.  
They will be next time.

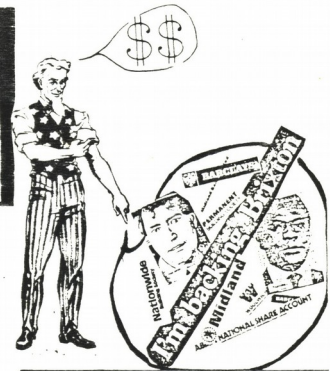
SO

We must prepare too.  
We must organize ourselves without  
parties or unions or politicians or  
social workers.

We must form small groups in our  
own area of struggle: work, college,  
street.

Each group should be an autonomous,  
tightly knit nucleus, but should look  
outwards and interact with others.  
It must keep informed of the general  
situation and contribute to it through  
action and counter-information.

IT IS TIME TO ARM OURSELVES  
WITH EVERY MEAN NECESSARY  
TO WIDEN AND DEEPEN OUR  
STRUGGLE.



bread, love and struggle  
(see front page)

A PHOTOGRAPH OF this poster,  
along with an anti-nuclear leaflet  
signed "A few Brixton anarchists"  
and coloured enlargements of the  
bookshelves in her flat, were used  
as the sole evidence for a deporta-  
tion order against Patrizia Giambi.

She was arrested on the evening  
of April 11 and charged with threaten-  
ing behaviour. After months of  
harrassment: frequent court appear-  
ances, flat raided twice, three times  
held in police cells, she was tried,  
and found guilty on contradictory  
police evidence of threatening be-  
haviour. She was sentenced to 28  
days' detention in Holloway, to be  
followed by her deportation to Italy.

At her appeal against sentence  
police stated overtly that it was because  
of her political beliefs that she was to  
be deported. Her presence on the  
streets, they said, had to be seen in  
the light of her political beliefs. The  
whole sham that this is a democratic  
country which defends freedom of  
speech and expression fell away.  
The trial was of Patrizia's political  
beliefs, there could no longer be any  
doubt about that.

The overzealous police brought on  
their prized duo, Locke and Jones, to  
corroborate their claims that she was  
an "agitator". This fell through miser-  
ably however when they each naively  
admitted that Patrizia had been pointed  
out to them in a photograph two days  
previously. (6 months after the events)

The more the police spoke, and the  
more "evidence" they produced, the  
more their case miserably fell apart.  
Their hysterical fantasies were rightly  
ridiculed by the Defence, and Patrizia  
won her case.